

**What is claimed is:**

1. A method of inputting letters in a wireless terminal comprising steps of:

5 a) typing in at least a first and last letters of a word to be input, and pressing a function key;

b) recognizing as the last letter of the word to be input a letter typed-in prior to pressing the function key;

10 c) from a word repository, retrieving words having the same first and last letters as the typed-in first and last ones and displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and

d) selecting a desired word from the displayed words, and converting the typed-in first and last letters into the selected word.

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2. A method according to claim 1, wherein, in the step c), the number of letters of a word to be retrieved is restricted to within a certain predetermined range.

20 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein a cursor moves in front of the last letter so as to enable an additional letter to be input.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the retrieved words is displayed in a sequence of higher retrieval-frequency.

5 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein, if the function key is pressed N times after typing the last letter, all the letters from the  $n^{\text{th}}$  letter to the last one are recognized as the last letters.

10 6. A method of inputting letters in a device capable of accepting letters as input comprising steps of:

a) typing in a first predetermined number of letters sequentially from a first letter of a word to be input, and pressing a function key;

15 b) retrieving words starting with the typed-in letters, the retrieved words being composed of a second predetermined number of letters;

c) displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and

20 d) selecting a desired word from the displayed words, and converting the typed-in letters into the selected word.

7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the device

includes a cellular phone, a PDA, or a personal computer.